

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-40 in the application. In previous responses, the Applicants cancelled Claims 1-22, 25 and 33-40. Presently, no claims have been amended, added or canceled. Accordingly, Claims 23-24, 26-32 and 41-46 are currently pending in the application.

### **I. Formal Matters and Objections**

The Applicant has amended the portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,551,946 supporting the amendments associated with the response dated October 17, 2005, into the specification of the current patent application. In doing so, the Applicants have also added a new FIG. 2b, which supports this new text, and will be presented using a DRAWING AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. The DRAWING AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 will be submitted in due course.

Based upon the foregoing, and as a practitioner representing the Applicants, I attest that the material being inserted is the material previously incorporated by reference, except for minor amendments made to the reference numerals in the added text so as to not contradict those reference numerals in the pending patent application. I also attest that this amendment contains no new matter. By signing this response to the Examiner's Action, I am complying with 37 CFR 1.57(f).

## **II. Rejection of Claims 23, 24, 26-32, and 41-46 under Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

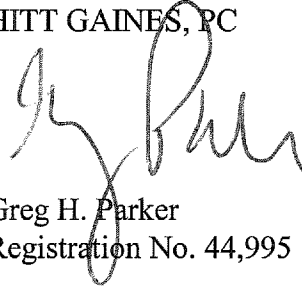
The Examiner has rejected Claims 23, 24, 26-32, and 41-46 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,551,946 to Chen. In response thereto, the Applicants respectfully submit a terminal disclaimer with this Request that removes the basis for the double patenting, and thereby, places all the pending claims in this case in condition for allowance.

## II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 23-24, 26-32 and 41-46.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,  
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